

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-12-22**

Date Prepared: December 18, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: December 22, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: December 22, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Inform Commission of meeting of December 19, 1997 and advise of necessary action on Procedural Schedule as a result of MPC's announcement of sale of generation (12/22/97)
2. MDU Docket D97.12.229 - Discussion and action as necessary (12/22/97)
3. USWC Docket D97.7.125 - Discuss vacating the hearing presently scheduled for the first week of February if all parties have agreed (12/22/97)
4. USWC Rate Rebalancing Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss Northwest Payphone Association's objections to USWC's data requests filed Dec. 4 and USWC's response to the objections received Dec. 17, USWC's motion requesting a modification of the procedural order filed on Dec. 12, and anything else relating to this docket that may arise between now and then (12/22/97)

5. Docket D96.2.18 - Discuss Tel-Net's petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Montana USWC exchange areas (12/22/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Linda Vista Water Company-Docket D97.4.62 (Scott)

On April 4, 1997, LVW filed an application to increase rates for water service in its service territory on the south edge of Missoula by \$82,026. On July 28, 1997, LVW and MCC filed a stipulation agreement which provided for a general rate increase of \$76,578 in annual revenues for water service. On October 14, 1997, a public hearing was held on this Docket in Missoula. A final order has been drafted and distributed. Staff recommends approval.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.234 (Kate)

On December 12, 1997, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed revisions to its tariff to introduce New Number Referral, to increase its Lifeline discount to reflect the changes made by the Federal Communications Commission, and to remove the intrastate access section of the tariff because Blackfoot Communications will replace US West and Clark Fork as the default intraLATA carrier.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.12.235 (Kate)

On December 12, 1997, U S West Communications filed a proposal to eliminate the grandfathered offering of Combination Access Line Service Arrangement 1 and convert all Arrangement 1 customers to Exchange Service Extension, with no rate increases for affected customers at least until 2001.

3. Citizens Communications - Docket N97.12.233 (Bonnie)

On December 11, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice No. MT-97-13, introducing Digital Channel Service in response to customer demand. This service transmits and receives digital signals between the serving wire center and digital switching equipment located at the customer's premises. Effective date of the filing is January 11, 1998.

4. Sprint Communications Company - Docket N97.12.236 (Bonnie)

On December 15, 1997, Sprint Communications Company filed revisions to its Interexchange Telecommunications Services tariff. The filing adds provisions to recover amounts collected for statutory or regulatory programs and introduces Sprint Sense AnyTime calling plan.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

Eligible Carrier Status Docket D96.2.18 - NSA granting intervention to AT&T was served 12/16/97

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-1-5**

Docket N97.12.234 CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Kate)

Docket N97.12.233 Citizens Communications (Bonnie)

Docket N97.12.236 Sprint Communications Company (Bonnie)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D97.12.232 MDU - Natural Gas Rates

N97.12.233 Citizens Communications Co - Digital Channel Service

N97.12.234 Clark Fork Telecomm - Removal of toll tariff; intro of new number referral service & revisions to Lifeline

N97.12.235 USWC - Revisions to Combination Access Arrangement 1 Service

- N97.12.236 Sprint Communications Co - Add text and intro SprintSense AnyTime
- N97.12.237 Project Telephone Co - Revisions to Lifeline and Link-Up Service
- N97.12.238 Valley Telecomm - Revisions to Lifeline and Link-Up Service
- N97.12.239 PP&L - Biennial Filing of Electric Integrated Resource Plan - RAMPP-5